



November 22, 2024

# This Week at FPC

## Worship: November 17

*“Then Paul answered, “Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

Acts 21:13

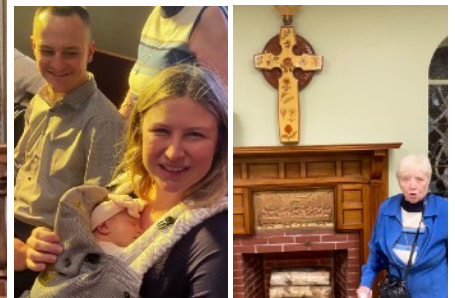
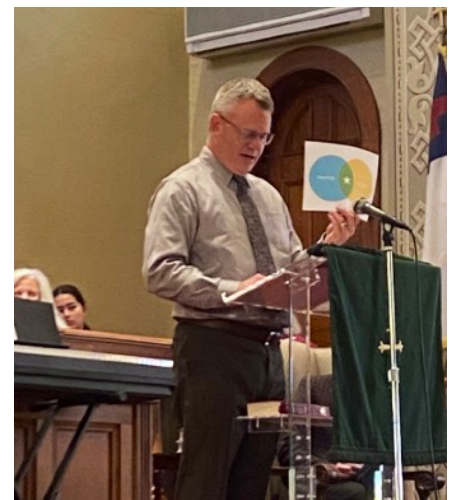
### The Lord's Will Be Done, in Life, Prison, Death, or Any Circumstance

This week Sean preached from Acts 21:1-36. In this passage, the disciples, after being hesitant, finally allow Paul to go to Jerusalem. AS they let him leave, they (somewhat exasperated) say "The Lord's Will Be Done." Here were five ways God's will was on display in this passage: prophecy reveals it, prayers asks for it, praise celebrates it, purification demonstrates it, and persecution fulfills it.

### A Few Odds and Couple of Ends

*Pastor Sean often has more to share with us than he is able to fit in his sermon. Here he shares “a few odds and couple ends” for our further understanding and contemplation.*

Paul clearly demonstrates his commitment to the Old Testament and its commands in this passage. Do you value the Old Testament? Do you turn to it for guidance and instruction? We cannot just abandon the Old Testament, even if the way it applies to us as Christians is different from the way it applied to the nation of Israel.





*“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

Ephesians 3:17b-19

## Pray...

**...for our pastor.** Pray that Sean will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of Scripture and faith in God’s power to work. Pray that he will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes he encounters as he counsels (Mal. 2:7; John 17:15; James 1:5-6).

**...for our church** as we rely on our faith in God’s plan for all of us and reach out to those around us.

**...for our nation and its leaders,** for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world.

**...for spoken and unspoken needs in our church family:** for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and in praise for answered prayers and God’s omnipresence. As you pray, remember these and many others in our church family and beyond:

- Janet Champagne
- Larry and Lynn Chase
- Marcia Clark
- Traci Dalton and family
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Dick and Margaret Falb
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Peggy Leino
- Odile Mukiza
- Brian Petit
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Phil Thow
- Roger Ward’s sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



## Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to the 15 volunteers who filled over 100 boxes. The boxes will be dedicated on Sunday, November 24.



Join us  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

*FPC Ladies  
Christmas Brunch*

**December 7, 2024  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

RSVP by December 1st  
Sign-Up list in the  
Church Fellowship Hall  
or call the Church Office at  
401-847-1749  
OR email [dakolator@gmail.com](mailto:dakolator@gmail.com)

If you are able to contribute a dish to be shared, use the sign-up list or call 401-339-7625 or 401-323-0077.



## FPC Advent Devotional Now Available

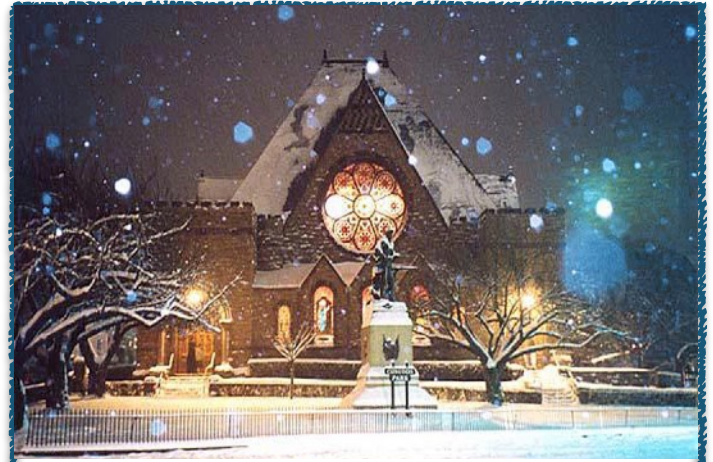
The 2024 Advent devotional booklets will be available in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, November 24. Advent begins Sunday, December 1.



### Deck the Halls

On Saturday November 30 we will gather and decorate the church for Christmas. It is a fun time of joyous fellowship as the sanctuary is a beautiful space especially all decked out for the holiday. It starts at 9 a.m. and we hope to finish by noon. Many hands make light work! Please plan to come and join the fun.

## Game Night



## Christmas In Newport Concert

Sunday, December 8  
7 p.m.

*Join us for a free Christmas concert at the historic First Presbyterian Church of Newport! Celebrate the season with an inspiring blend of music and faith—an experience you won't want to miss. Through beautiful melodies and heartfelt lyrics, the concert brings the Christmas story to life, reminding us of its timeless message of hope and joy.*

*The evening will feature joyful choir performances, congregational carol singing, and stunning instrumental pieces, all set within a warm and uplifting musical atmosphere. Come sing, celebrate, and share the spirit of the season! This special musical evening is our gift to the community.*

# Learn and Grow...



## Sunday School/Childcare for Infants, Toddlers, Pre-school and Lower Elementary:

- Childcare is provided from 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the nursery rooms.
- During the service childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery room.
- Instruction for pre-school and lower elementary children will follow the children's message in the room off the main nursery room.

## Sunday School

- Upper Elementary/Middle School with Dave Kolator: Meets in the Resource Room
- Grade 9-12 with Dan Yates-Berg: Meets in the Lynch Room
- Adults: Meet in the Hometime Room

## Young Adult Small Group

Young adults (20s and 30s+), single and married, meet on the second Thursday of each month for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Contact Rachel Schulz at rachelshulz23@gmail.com.

## Women's Bible Study

Groups meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in person or on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com or 401-447-3833 for more info.

## Small Group Bible Study

This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 7 p.m. at rotating homes of the members. Contact Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com.

## Evensong

Join us Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. Contact Cindy Wilson or Kendra Fleming (adminassistant@fpcnewport.org) for the link.

## The MomCo

The MomCo (for moms of infants through middle schoolers) meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Contact Rachel Nerheim at fpcnmomco@gmail.com.

## 'The Story' Study

This group meets on Friday evenings using The Story, an abridged chronological Bible. Join us Friday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hometime Room. Childcare is available for ages 2-12. Email Michael Hicks at michaelehicks89@gmail.com.

"The Story" is a 31-lesson study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This group for men meets every other Thursday and is led by Mike Hicks. Email michaelehicks89@gmail.com or call

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Friday, November 22

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Church office open  
6:30 p.m. 'The Story' Bible Study  
7 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

### Saturday, November 23

7:30 a.m. FPC Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, November 24

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Pre-worship Prayer Time  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Nursery  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
6 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

### Monday, November 25

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)

### Tuesday, November 26

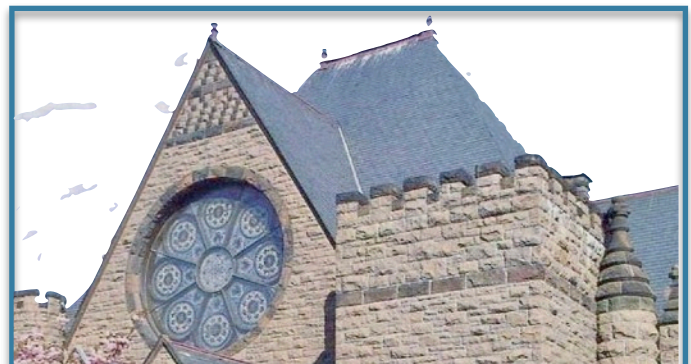
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours  
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FPC

### Wednesday, November 27

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving

Office closed



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## First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

